

Hidden somewhere in this picture is a plant that cleans a hundred million gallons of sewage every day.

If you can't see it, thank Bob Kildall and other neighbors.

One of the features of Seattle's Discovery Park is going largely undiscovered: King County's West Point secondary sewage treatment plant, next to the park's North Beach.

During the planning process, the Friends of Discovery Park and then-president Bob Kildall worked with other citizens and groups, the county and the parks department. Their goal was to protect the character of the park. And by and large, according to Kildall, they succeeded:

"You see the sandy beach, the water, the Olympics, the ships going by. Having this tranquil, natural setting in the middle of the city is what Discovery Park is about, and I'd like people to know about it and come and see it.

"They said they were going to hide that plant, and they did it."

You see, water quality is something we all have a stake in. King County does its part by treating wastewater from nearly 1.3 million households, businesses and industries, and by producing 2 million gallons of reclaimed water per day for irrigation and industrial uses.

And when citizens and county government work together, they can preserve water quality in a way that works for everyone.

Here's what you can do in your neighborhood.

Everyone has a part to play in preserving the quality of our water. Here are some steps that you can take:

- Reduce the use of fertilizers and pesticides
- Fix oil leaks in your car
- Wash your car at a car wash instead of in your driveway



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